

RESOLUTION NO. R-2010-1422

A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN THE UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR BUREAU OF LAND MANAGEMENT ARIZONA STRIP DISTRICT OFFICE AND WASHINGTON COUNTY

WHEREAS, an Environmental Impact Statement (“EIS”) is needed for the proposed withdrawal of lands for up to 20 years from location and entry under the Mining Law of 1872 announced by the Secretary of the Interior on July 21, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the BLM is the lead federal agency for development of the EIS; and

WHEREAS, the BLM acknowledges that Washington County (“County”) has special expertise applicable to the preparation of the EIS and is eligible to become a Cooperating Agency; and

WHEREAS, the BLM and the County have negotiated a Memorandum of Understanding that designates Washington County as a Cooperating Agency for preparation of the EIS, provides a framework for cooperation and coordination between the BLM and the County that will ensure successful completion of the EIS in a timely, efficient, and thorough manner, recognizes that the BLM is the lead agency with responsibility for completion of the EIS, and describes the respective responsibilities, jurisdictional authority, and expertise of each of the parties for preparation of the EIS pursuant to the terms set forth therein (“MOU”), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interest of the citizens of Washington County that the County execute the MOU.

NOW, THEREFORE, at a regular meeting of the legislative body of Washington County, Utah, duly called, noticed, and held on the 2nd day of February 2010, upon motion duly made and seconded, it is unanimously:

Resolved that the MOU, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit “A”, is hereby approved and adopted. A copy of the MOU is on file in the Office of the Washington County Commission.

VOTED UPON AND PASSED BY THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION HELD ON THE 2ND DAY OF FEBRUARY 2010.

WASHINGTON COUNTY

JAMES J. EARDLEY, Chair
Washington County Commission

ATTEST:

Kim M. Hafen
Washington County Clerk-Auditor

Commissioner Eardley voted _____
Commissioner Gardner voted _____
Commissioner Drake voted _____